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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic Networks back in 1998, because they were the only company willing to install DSL to my home in Vallejo, CA before anyone else would. They were a leader in technology, and I was happy to say that their efforts made it affordable for my family to have internet when the cable company wanted a monopolistic rate.

Now that I live in Brentwood, CA, I chose Sonic once again, because they were the first to bring not only Fiber optics to our area, but at the speed of a gigabyte per second. Again, they were the technological leaders, and on a level playing field they compete very well with larger companies. I am very satisfied.

What does not please me, however, is to see the USTelecom petition getting any traction at all. It's important to notice that when a company like USTelecom feels the nip of competition at its heels, they will resort to unfair practices to change the rules of the game instead of compete. This is not how America should work. Let the companies do their best for the consumer, and let the consumer choose. Do not let anyone take advantage by changing the law. That does not benefit anyone except USTelecom's stockholders, and they shouldn't be the deciding factor on who can and cannot connect to the internet.

Do not approve the USTelecom petition. It's a prime example of how things should not work.

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